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## President's Message

As I sit down to write my final President's Column, thoughts rush in of the people I've met and experiences I've had over these past two years as President of the LWHS Alumni Foundation.

I've had the wonderful opportunity to get to know many of the LWCHS administrators, teachers, staff and students. I am so impressed with them! Staff and students have been welcoming, enthusiastic and eager to be successful at our alma mater.

LWCHS has added promising new programs, new faces and awarding-winning achievements and I have been fortunate to have a bird's-eye view of this dynamic place. I encourage you to keep your fond memories of your days at good ole Lake Worth High, but open the door to the activities taking place today—join in, mentor, attend a concert, cheer on one of our Trojan teams. You'll feel inspired.

In addition to the school family, I want to thank the Board members for their countless hours behind the scenes to make the Alumni Foundation an exceptional body with the mission of helping Lake Worth Community High School and LW Dollars for Scholars. With that in mind, to keep us connecting to the students' ideas and projecting to the future of the Alumni Foundation, the Board voted to add to the Board, two Student Ambassadors—a junior and senior student representative. We are thrilled to have **senior Jose Delgado and junior Edson Augustin** as our **FIRST Student Ambassadors**. They have already added their expertise by creating an Instagram account for the Alumni Founda-



LWHS Alumni President  
Carol Childs Webster

tion. Welcome, Jose and Edson! Last May, the Alumni Board decided to sponsor **five \$500 Teacher Classroom Project Grants for LWCHS teachers**. This would give our teachers an opportunity to institute a unique classroom project that may have been set aside due to the cost. This year our recipients are: **Dr. Lois Smith, Jennifer Love Gironda, Regina Belcher and Dr. Shannon Rennaker**. *Congratulations!*

Not only have we helped with the academics, but with a safety concern our Award-winning Choral Director, John Weatherspoon, mentioned. The choral risers were antiques—and not in a good way—so the Board voted to contribute to the fundraising effort. The chorus now has their brand new safe risers. I want to also thank the alums who shared their stories of their days "On the Hill"; the alums who made generous financial contributions to school programs; those that gave of their time to the school and the Foundation; those who paid their dues, sent pleasant greetings from near and afar; bought a Brick; ordered through Amazon purchases with our charity name; kept their contact information current with us; "liked" our Lake Worth High School Alumni Foundation Facebook page; volunteered at our Luau and Spaghetti Dinner fundraisers and so many other ways you have supported Lake Worth High School and the Alumni Foundation.

We thank you and we need you...just think we'll be celebrating 100 years of Lake Worth High School in 2022! Come help us plan for that special celebration! Thank you!

Go Trojans!  
—Carol Webster, President

## LWHS Alumni Foundation Having A Membership Drive

### Increase In Membership Fees!

Lake Worth High School Alumni Foundation is celebrating the schools 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday by having a Membership drive. The goal is to double our membership before the end of year 2020. After 21 years with the same fees, we have raised our fees to: Student: \$15, Single: \$30, Couples: \$50, and Lifetime: \$250.

If each member recruits one person to join the Lake Worth High School Alumni Foundation, we will double our membership. To date we have 203 Students, 92 Singles, 34 Couples, and 275 Lifetimes. We will be mailing out a brochure to sign up a new member. Copies can be made if you sign up more than one. Detach the

#### New Membership Fees:

- **Student: \$15.00**
- **Single: \$30.00**
- **Couples: \$50.00**
- **Lifetime: \$250.00**

application and mail with the donation. Retain the brochure as a reminder of the work your Alumni Board of Directors has accomplished since 1998 when the foundation was formed. As of 2019 we have raised funds and awarded over \$1,257,000 for Scholarships to Seniors.

The Class of 1967 can boast the most members with 27, followed by the Class of 53 and 55 with 23 members, the Class

of 52 with 21 members and the Class of 60 and 61 with 19 members. Sign up other classmates and get ahead of the Class of 1967. We will publish our results in the Lake Worth Alumni newspaper Winter 2020 edition. The class that wins will receive bragging rights and the funds will be awarded at our annual awards presentation in May in the name of the Class.

Make this Membership drive a success by signing up at least one alumni!

Thank you for your support as members. We appreciate your faithfulness in membership, donations, and attendance of events these past 21 years.

—Your Board of Directors

## MaryAnne Hedrick

March 24, 1957—October 30, 2019

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the passing of MaryAnne Hedrick, a friend to all and the ultimate humanitarian. She passed away at home on October 30<sup>th</sup> only two weeks after conducting the Dollars for Scholars (DFS) Barry Grunow Memorial Golf Tournament.

MaryAnne taught physical education at Lake Worth Middle School in 2000 when fellow teacher Barry Grunow was murdered in his classroom on the last day of school in 2000. The tournament became her passion—helping financially needy students aspiring to become teachers with scholarships—while at the same time honoring her colleague, Mr. Grunow.

MaryAnne was in a car accident in 1997 that left her a paraplegic and confined to a wheelchair. It did not confine her spirit nor prevent her from raising funds for many causes including DFS and providing her students with clothing and bicycles for Christmas. She also partnered with The Florida Fishing Academy, Inc. to estab-



MaryAnne and her beloved service dog Jac.

lish *Access to the Sea*, a non-profit dedicated to make boating trips available to kids and adults who otherwise would not have the opportunity to experience sea travel.

MaryAnne was preceded in death by her parents, Marion and Mickey and a brother, Greg. She is survived by her brother, Wayne, nephews Matt and Keith, whom she loved deeply, her lifelong friend and ally, Natalie, and her faithful and loving service dog, Jac.

Services were held November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Howard-Quattlebaum Funeral Home in North Palm Beach. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to **Access The Sea** at [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com).

For the complete obituary please visit: [www.DignityMemorial.com-FL/Mary-Anne-Hedrick](http://www.DignityMemorial.com-FL/Mary-Anne-Hedrick).

## LWHS Alumni Foundation Board

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## We Need Your Help. Please Respond!

*We have discovered that much of our contact information is incorrect and our lists are outdated!*

**Please email Your Name, Current Address, Email Address, and Phone Number to:**  
**CarylSanderson@gmail.com**

*Thank You in Advance For Your Help!*



## Principal's Message

Greetings Trojans near and far. This school year is off to a great start. I must admit that this semester is quickly passing by and before we know it, we will be celebrating a new year. This school welcomed a new academy at our school. It is the 3DE Junior Achievement Leadership Academy. This makes nine academies at Lake Worth Community High School. We have some of the best academies and programs in the school district. If you are ever in the neighborhood, please feel free to stop by for a tour.

I would like to thank many of you for your support in helping Lake Worth High School become one of the top producers of successful students in the county. Last year's graduation rate was 84%, we had five students to earn their Associate Degree from Palm Beach State College prior to receiving the high school diploma. Many of you provided financial support to the band program. Your resources made a big impact in the lives of our students. They recently won a showcase of bands competition last month and will head to Daytona Beach, Florida to perform in the state competition this month. I wish them all the best as they aim to receive honors as one of the top bands there.

Thank you to many of you who attended a football game this season. Our football team managed to win five games this season. This is a great improvement over last year's season. Assistant Coach Robert Nichols stated that "this was the year to earn respect from other teams in the district." I believe the team did just that. I can't wait to see



LWHS Principal  
Dr. Elvis Epps

what next year's season brings. We will take this year's momentum into the Spring game as well as into next season.

As we approach the Thanksgiving and Christmas season, our student leaders and I have started our Thanksgiving Food Drive already. If you would like to donate canned and dried food items please contact Assistant Principal Mrs. Tracy Bailey. She was instrumental in organizing last year's food drive. We served over 2,000 meals to students and members of the community. Please call the front office at (561) 533-6300 to reach Mrs. Bailey. Gift cards are gladly accepted. If you would like to help with our annual Christmas Toy Drive, please contact me about this. Currently, we have a few toys on hand. We are well below our mark of 1,000 toys for this year. If you would like to donate a new, unwrapped toy, please bring it to the front office. We are in need of toys for students of all ages, especially middle and high school age. Gift cards are also gladly accepted. I believe in the power of service to those in the community. I want every student at Lake Worth High School to look beyond their needs to serve those who do not have. We are scheduled to visit Palm West Hospital on Christmas Eve for the third year in a row. Our student leaders said this was their highlight of the school year.

I believe everyone can do something to help those who do not have. With your help and the service of my students, we can make a difference in our community and city. I wish you the very best as you plan to spend time with family and friends. Take care and continue to be your best every day.

*Go Trojans!*

## LWHS Alumni Foundation Mission Statement

*"Unite and assist alumni and friends of Lake Worth High School to provide grants and scholarships for the general benefit of the school and its students."*

## LWHS Alumni Foundation MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE January 1<sup>st</sup> of Every Year

Single: \$30.00 | Business: \$150.00  
Couples: \$50.00 | Lifetime: \$250.00\*

*\*(Lifetime Membership / One Time Fee)*

**You MUST pay your dues in order to receive the Alumni newsletter.**

*Please mail your payment with application to:*

**LWHS Alumni Foundation Office**

**1701 Lake Worth Road • Lake Worth, Florida 33460**

# LWHS ROTC Students Attend Luncheon At Kravis Center



Two tables of ten Lake Worth High School ROTC students were invited to the Kravis Center to have lunch and hear Brigadier General Robert Spalding speak at the Forum Club Palm Beach, an 800-member non-partisan political club. Brigadier General Spalding is U.S. Air Force, Retired and the author of *Stealth War: How China Took Over While America's Elite Slept*. Two students got to ask their questions immediately after the speech. Sponsors pay for the luncheons. All students came in uniform, and they looked very sharp. Attending with the students were ROTC teacher Sgt. Robert Glouck and Antonio Loyd, Assistant Principal.

LATE BREAKING NEWS. THIS JUST IN!

**THE CLASS OF '79 HAS DONATED \$1,100 To Start an Endowed Scholarship in MaryAnne Hedrick's Name!**

# Two Students To Serve On Lake Worth High School Alumni Foundation Board

By Helen Gilmore

## JOSE DELGADO Class of 2020

Jose Delgado's aim is to be a doctor...doing orthopedic surgery. Currently working full time at the Center for Bone and Joint Surgery, participating in a six-week internship at the Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience, celebrating spending his senior year at Lake Worth High School, he still has time to serve as a student representative on the Alumni Foundation Board. According to Jose, "It's all just time management. I divide and conquer and plan carefully so that I don't burn out." Jose says that his internship at the Max Planck Florida Institute is an amazing experience. After graduation he plans to either go to the University of Florida or the FAU Honor's program. He's leaning towards FAU, since their major is Cellular Neuroscience.

In his spare time, his hobbies are photography, coding on the computer and chess. When asked who taught him to play chess, he replied, "My Dad taught me." As one of two students serving on the Alumni Foundation Board, he and Edson are creating a student Instagram instrument called the Lake Worth High Alumni Foundation. Through this technology area, they hope to relate to fellow students the importance of the Alumni Foundation Board. As students fill out



Student Representatives on the Alumni Board Senior Jose Delgado (left) and Junior Edson Augustin.

the forms for scholarships, Jose and Edson hope to be able to reach out and give any necessary help that students need through the Instagram site. When asked about how he hopes to relate to the students the importance of 'giving back' to Lake Worth High School when those students become alums, he stated, "Hopefully, I'll be able to continue on the Board and provide ideas or support."

## EDSON AUGUSTIN Class of 2021

Edson hopes to be a Civil Engineer and get his education at the University of Florida. He wants to give back to his community. He admits, "I see lots of people struggling in my community, and I want to know I've helped people. I like to imagine things differently. I want to design something to 'leave my mark.' I want to feel good about what I'm designing or building



on this earth." Edson loves basketball; he also likes to exercise. According to him, "Exercise clears my mind; when I have time, I exercise. Swimming is also one of my favorite hobbies. As I glide through the water, I think of leaving my past behind me and approaching new challenging obstacles."

As for serving on the Alumni Foundation Board, Edson states, "If the students get to know the insights of what the Alumni Board does, they'll see that it's our own people. When filling out scholarship forms, we can help. Hopefully, students will see that people really care about them, and the students may offer that same thing to future Trojans." Edson's Message to Students: "Whatever is going on in life right now is temporary. Your future is made to be brighter and excellent. It's all about what you make it!"



Liza Minnelli look-alike Holly Bowe Massemen.



L to R: Denny Lanier, Beth Green, Jay Remington, Meribeth Kehoe, Mike Bayer, Sandee Monk, Gary Bradshaw, and David Hildebrant.



Artist Jay Harmon with his Trojan artwork.

# LWHS Class of 1969 Celebrates 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion

By Tondra Varnadoe

It was a great weekend at the Airport Hilton. April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> marked the 50<sup>th</sup> year since we left the halls of Lake Worth High School.

The weekend started off with a Friday night Cocktail Meet and Greet out by the Hilton's pool and patio area overlooking the lake, with guitar music providing background ambiance. A buffet of hors d'oeuvres provided a light snack to go along with the beverages and cocktails served. There was plenty of excitement among the classmates, seeing old school friends—some for the first time since graduation. There were a lot of warm hugs, laughter and questions that began with: "Remember the time?..." being swapped. Sometimes finding an old friend was a challenge. Some of us didn't change much, and some of us changed a LOT. Thank goodness for name tags!

Saturday night we were treated to a beautiful dinner buffet, enjoyed by all. We sipped beverages and cocktails while being entertained with a surprise performance from a very special guest—Liza Minnelli, (aka our own Holly Bowe) who really livened up the place. She sang, twirled her scarf around, and belted out "New York New York". She was fabulous!! (Thanks again Holly.) And our very own incredible artist Jay Harmon unveiled a beautiful drawing of our Trojan Mascot. He is so incredibly talented!

After dinner everyone played musical tables as they moved around the room trying to catch up with old friends they missed the night before. An overhead projector flashed old pictures many of our classmates sent in, bringing back so many wonderful memories.

Sandee Cain Monk did a wonderful job putting together a beautiful Memorial Board with pictures of the 90 plus classmates that we lost over the years. In addition to those listed on the board, we have unfortunately lost two more classmates since the reunion. Marscha Cavaliere and Edward (Eddie) Schoeck each left us shortly after the reunion. So glad we were able to see both of them and

share in their joy of seeing old friends.

This wonderful weekend was put together by a very hard working committee along with the aid of various classmates that pitched in to bring it all together. We owe a big thank

you to the following Committee Members and helpers: Beth (Harris) Green, Michael Bayer, Sandee (Cain) Monk, Mari-beth (Connor) Kehoe, Denny Lanier, Jerry Deamud, David Hildebrant, Gary Bradshaw, Jay Remington, Tondra Varnadoe,

and all the many classmates who attended and helped make this a memorable weekend.

Also, there is a rumor that since we graduated in "69" and most of us will be 69 next year, a party may be in the works to celebrate this once in a lifetime

event. The Class of 69 turns 69! We will keep you posted. Anyone interested please email Tondra Varnadoe at [Tbvarna-doe@aol.com](mailto:Tbvarna-doe@aol.com). This event will be planned in September or October 2020 if we can generate enough interest.

## I Became Principal At LWHS In 1980

By Dave Cantley

*Editor's note: This story and last issue's story on Jeter Barker were taken from a book Dave has written about his childhood and career as an educator. The book is titled 'Rock Creek Unincorporated' and will be available on Amazon February 1, 2020.*

When Ken Schrimsher, then Director of Personnel for the Palm Beach County School District, asked if I was ready to "take over Lake Worth High," I told him that there were more things I wanted to accomplish as principal of Royal Palm. After all, I was only nearing the end of my second year at the school for special needs students. Ken's reply was, "Dave, wherever you are, there will always be more you want to do."

Lake Worth High was considered a "rough school" with an enrollment of 2,600, a reputa-

tion for student fights, and continual teacher complaints about a lack of discipline. I accepted Ken's offer for an interview for the job and became one of six applicants. I told my brother, Bee, (who was superintendent of our school system in Raleigh County, West Virginia) about the school's problems and the fact that I had been interviewed. One of the things he told me was that it sounded as if the only way for Lake Worth High to move was up. When I told him that I had been appointed principal at Lake Worth High he replied, "Now, we are going to see what you are made of." His words served as a big motivator for me to accept head on the challenges that Lake Worth High presented.

When Ken called two weeks later and told me that I had the job, he said I couldn't tell anyone until 3 p.m. that day because he



said he had to call the "losers" and tell them who got the job. Because I had to tell someone, I called Kay at Lantana Jr. High to share my good news. She waited until exactly 3 p.m., then Kay told our dear friend, her principal, Jack Christie. Jack and shop teacher, Bill Morehead, were fishermen. Jack asked Bill how much fish he had in his freezer. Between the two of them they came up with enough fish for a

big celebratory fish fry at Jack's home that very night.

Superintendent Mills transferred me to Lake Worth High with five weeks remaining in the 1979-80 school year. At the time, I questioned the soundness of that decision, but it was the right one because it gave me five weeks to see what we needed to do to begin the new school year.

I became the fifth principal

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## LWCHS ROTC Members Plant Flags On Football Field On 911





## HALLOWEEN Classmates Luncheon At The Olive Garden

Ron Schutta (Class of '56) was actually born on Halloween Day, so Roberta Stephens (Class of '56) organized a surprise gathering for Ron and treated us all to delicious cupcakes on Halloween at the Olive Garden. Happy Birthday, Ron!

We had some first timers this time: Helen Pledger Renner '51 who has moved back permanently into our area; Ed Snyder '56 visiting from Tallahassee; Mildred Snyder Saylor '54 of Lake Clarke Shores; and Janna visiting daughter of Jerry Hopkins '50.

Pictured in the photo from left to right are: Claire Cohen Orth '53 and her caregiver Pam, Carolyn Roach Snapp '53, Doris Anderson Dorsey '54, Helen Pledger Renner '51, Nina Upthegrove Mitzelfeld '51, Roberta Woolson Stephens '56, Ron Schutta '56, Ed Snyder '56, Mildred Snyder Saylor '54, Jim Bickel '54, Kathy Snyder Graves '53, Thurman Lamb '53, Dennis Dorsey '53, Ron Timm '52, Peg Fountain Flora '53, Jerry Hopkins '50 and daughter Janna, Ann Carter '72, Char Finch Macon '48, Dede Owens Lewis '53, Peg Sobering Chapman '53.

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in the '79-'80 school year. The first principal was Curt Woodall who had been at Lake Worth for a number of years before being promoted to the south area administrative office. The next principal was Byron Steinbaugh, who was terminated. Charles "Peck" Perry, the south area superintendent, then became acting principal. Peck simultaneously juggled his regular job with being principal at Lake Worth High. The next principal, Fess Wallace, became interim—and I succeeded Fess.

I was introduced at a specially-called faculty meeting. Mrs. Betty Pitchford, a science teacher, stated, "Mr. Cantley, we have had a rough school year—you are the fifth principal we have had this year. Now, how long do you plan to stay?" Everyone in attendance laughed. I answered, "Ma'am I am like Johnson grass and country music, I am here to stay." (Any farm boy who has ever hoed corn will tell you that—in truth—Johnson grass never really goes away.) I fulfilled that promise by staying for **19 years**—I retired at the end of

the 1998-99 school year.

When I arrived at Lake Worth High, Jim White was a dean at the school and had a good history of the problems at the school. He had not been satisfied with the administration's lack of discipline. He genuinely wanted to establish law and order, but could not get approval to make the needed changes.

Lake Worth High had several students who were two years or more behind in the pupil progression plan which meant that (at a minimum) these troublemakers were "frequent flyers" in the dean's office for causing disruption in the classrooms and on campus. They blatantly showed disrespect to teachers and often used profanity and threats without fear of punishment. Students were frequently out on campus, unchallenged, during the day when they should have been in class. There was a certain hard-core group of boys who only came to school to sell drugs, hit on girls and cause disruption. We would later see—in the newspaper or on TV—where several students or former students had either been shot or sent to prison.

At the time, Lake Worth High was on double sessions, which meant that seniors and juniors attended the first session (from 7 a.m. until noon), and sophomores and freshmen came in from 12:15 p.m. to 5:15 p.m. We had a 30-minute break midway through each session when what little order had been established would be suspended. During these "breaks", students drove their cars off campus, went to fast food restaurants where they sometimes caused trouble. Some went to their cars (in the student parking lot under I-95) where whatever you want to imagine occurred. Conditions at the school had been so bad for so long that relatively few teachers actually thought those conditions could be reversed. One

faculty member (an outstanding English teacher) resigned and told me that she wished me well, but she felt that I was fighting a losing battle. She even wrote a letter to the editor of the Palm Beach Post to that effect.

When the school year began in August of 1980, Jim and I had a plan that we introduced with mixed reviews. We began by initiating a program—well thought out and led by Jim—to either suspend, expel or place in an alternative school those students who were known to (a) constantly cause disruptions, (b) interfere with the teachers' job to teach, or (c) compromise the stu-

dents' right to a safe and orderly school environment conducive to learning. When the worst offenders were swiftly removed from the school, it sent a message to the borderline students that they would be dealt with similarly if they didn't get in line with the new plan. Removing the high-profile mischief-makers also sent a positive message to both the majority of students who wanted an orderly school and to faculty members who wanted their classrooms to be free of disruptions.

We eliminated the 30-minute breaks which brought a howl

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## A Very Special Thank You!



Band Director **Tiffany Cox** (left) and Alumni President **Carol Childs Webster** recognize Alumnae Member **Jane Jackson Seltzer** for her generous donation to the Trojan Sound. With the donation the band was able to purchase several new instruments. **Thank you Jane!**

## Classmates Luncheon



Nina Upthegrove  
Mizefeld Class of 1951,  
with Ann Carter  
Class of 1972.

By Kathy Snyder Graves Class of '53

Every two months a large group of LWHS graduates from various years meet at the Lake Worth Road Olive Garden for lunch and camaraderie. We reserve the whole back room and always meet on a Thursday.

Our luncheon held on Thursday, August 29, was actually the birthday of two of our attendees: Nina Upthegrove Mitzelfeld (Class of 1951) and Ann Carter (Class of 1972)...see photo. We presented the gals with a few

surprise joke-type gifts and Ann brought cake for all. Everyone had a good time celebrating.

Our next luncheon will be on Halloween day, October 31<sup>st</sup>. We strive to always have our luncheon room decorated to add warmth and welcome to all our classmate attendees. Our table cloths, decorations, favors, etc. reflect any special occasion. So we will be planning to dress festively and go all out for our Halloween luncheon. See you there!



# Lake Worth High School Class of 1979 Reunion

**Reunion Weekend:** Friday night at Rozy's Roof Top 140 classmates signed up to attend. Saturday night at The Marriott in downtown West Palm Beach 130 classmates signed up to attend. The LWHS marching band made a surprise 15 minute guest performance on the second night. Everyone LOVED it!

Moving forward we are planning to have reunions every 5 years. We started at 10, 20, 30, 35, 40,...next is 45<sup>th</sup>. It's so hard to believe but it feels like yesterday when we

all get together. We have a really amazing group of classmates that come from many different walks of life. When we come together we really have an incredible group of GOOD PEOPLE...interesting, kind, generous, fun, and all who genuinely love one another! We are so blessed!

We received enough donations to donate \$1100 to Dollars For Scholars and \$1000 to the LWHS Band!!!

## Semi Annual Alumni/Dollars For Scholars Luncheon



The Semi Annual Alumni and Dollars for Scholars Luncheon was held on Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Atlantis Country Club. Alumni President Carol Webster and Dollars for Scholars President Dave Cantley gave their reports. The teachers who received the \$500 for their projects were introduced, and

Aizah McKinney who received the band award was announced. The two students who were voted to serve on the Alumni Board, Jose Delgado, a senior, and Edison Augustin, a junior, were also introduced. The LWCHS chorus entertained with songs, and President Cantley reported on the financial state of the Dollars

For Scholars. Dr. Annette Gilbert, DFS, reported on the LWHS centennial book that her committee is working on. A centennial brick form will be in the alumni newsletter going out in November for those who wish to buy a brick celebrating the 100 years of Lake Worth High School.



Alumni Board members in attendance at the luncheon from left to right: Melisa Foronda, Carol Webster, Roberta Stephens, and Rut Valasquez.

### *Thank you Donna Curry Fulcher For Your Generous Donation!*

Donna Curry Fulcher (Class of 1962) donated \$200 to LWHS Band Director Tiffany Cox, to use for whatever the band may need. Donna is a former LWHS chorus and band member.



**New Student Alumni Board Members**  
Jose Delgado, a senior and Edison Augustin, a junior were introduced at the luncheon on November 2nd.

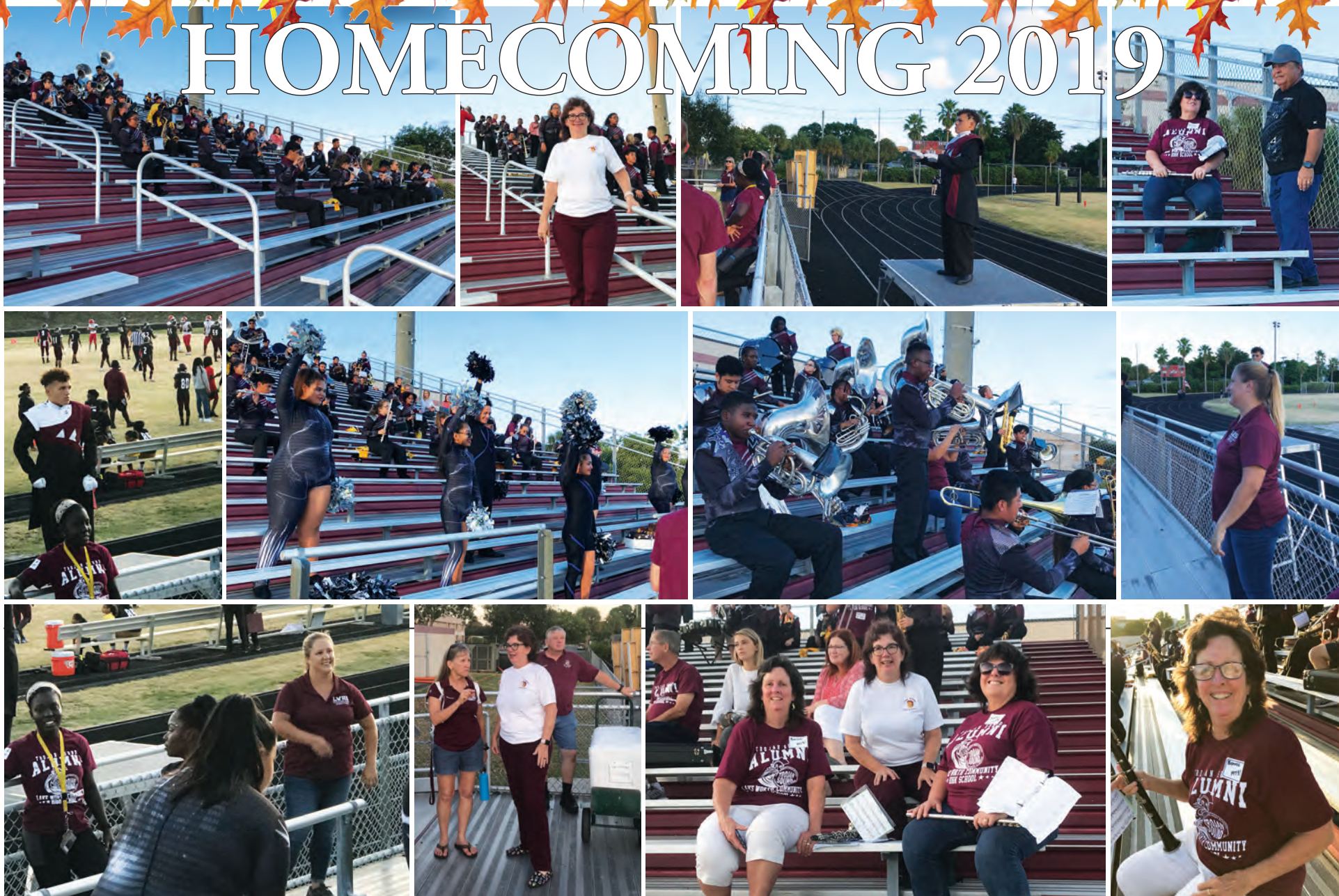


**LWHS Teacher Classroom Project Grant Recipients**  
From left: Dr. Shannon Rennaker, Regina Belcher, Jennifer Love Gironda and Dr. Lois Smith.



**High School Honor Band**  
Aziah McKinney was accepted into the Florida Music Educator's Association Honor Band.

# HOMECOMING 2019



## Helene Cooper, Class of 2011: Member of Both Alumni Foundation and DFS Boards

By Helen Gimore

Helene Cooper loves her job and the real estate company for which she works. “I came with a company that I found tried to help people,” she shared. “I get to do a little bit of everything—go out and show houses one on one. I try to help teachers get affordable housing. My company has the Yellow Ribbon Service—15 percent of the commission comes back to the buyer as a rebate—IF they are a teacher, fireman, police officer, military person or in any medical profession. I like my ca-

reer.” She continued, “I got my bachelor’s degree in elementary education, and I taught kindergarten at Chloe Lake Elementary School, but I decided classroom teaching wasn’t for me. I became a realtor.”

When asked what the most important thing was that she learned at Lake Worth High School, she responded, “Some people see it as negative, but I went to school with people speaking all different kinds of languages. I loved being a part

of that diversity, especially in South Florida. People come from every corner of the globe; they come to Lake Worth High School from all over the world.”

According to Helene, her favorite teacher was Mr. Kubrick. He was her Advanced Placement English teacher during her junior year. Helene said that he wasn’t afraid to challenge his students with hard assignments, because he knew they could do it. He was a lot of fun to be around, and was well-liked. He

was in a band with the other teachers—a cool guy!

How do you feel about being on the Dollars for Scholars and the Alumni Foundation Board? Helene answered, “I feel I’m following in my Mom’s footsteps. I was always showing up as Maggie’s daughter (Maggie Cooper was an effective guidance counselor at Lake Worth High). She would take me to plays, football games, etc. Now, I like to give back and volunteer in different ways.”



Helene Cooper

## Do You Recognize These Classmates?

See if you can guess!

(For their names, please see page 8.)



## Send Us Your Old Photos For Our Next Issue of Alumni News!

If you have any photographs from long ago when you were in high school (*or from when your parents were in high school*) at Lake Worth Community High, we would LOVE to publish them in the next issue of Alumni News! Please scan and email those photos to: [Hogfish123@aol.com](mailto:Hogfish123@aol.com). If you send paper copies, please mail them to **Doris Dorsey • 650 Atlantis Estates Way • Atlantis, FL 33462**. (*Please don't send original photos as they can not be returned!*)

We are interested in all classes throughout the 2000's. Photos can be at the beach, the casino, downtown Lake Worth, at grade school, during high school years...anywhere! It would be great to see a few in each issue of the Alumni News. Also, if you know of an interesting story—either one you personally recall, or of an alumni—send that in for our next issue! We look forward to receiving many!

*In Loving Memory*

Carrie Kern Hurst • Class of 1976

Charlie Sillavan • CLass 1961

Dick Dotter • Class of 1960

Mary Reed Wagner • Class of 1954

Shirley J. Hill • Class of 1966

Susan Fink Ryan • Class 1961

Tom Oatway • Class of 1960

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of dissatisfaction from the students. They thought they would starve by attending five straight classes without a break. Our reply to their complaint was that they should eat a hearty breakfast or lunch and bring a piece of fruit or a candy bar to eat while changing classes. I have since been invited to speak at the reunions of some of those early classes where I take great delight in telling them, “What we were trying to do back then was to give you the school that you want for your kids today.” That always gets a big round of applause.

The school ran smoothly after the '80-'81 school year. We enjoyed getting compliments from parents and the media who were supportive of what we were doing. Fortunately, I had a strong superintendent in Tom Mills who supported our efforts. Three of his own children attended Lake Worth High which gave him extra incentive to set the school straight.

In the early 1980's, the school system was beginning to enter the age of technology. This resulted in reports provided to principals with data on students' test scores, grades, attendance, etc. On one of the reports I noticed that Lake Worth High had a very high dropout rate plus a low graduation rate. When I asked Bill Mowry, an assistant principal who had been in a high-profile position at the school for several years, what was the reason for this, he and the guidance coordinator, Dick Cahill, replied that it was caused by a lack of academic success. I knew that kids didn't drop out of school if they had a 4.0 GPA, so I asked why they were not having academic success. Bill and Dick repeatedly placed the blame on everyone and everything—from the district's middle and elementary schools to the parents.

When I asked them if they had looked at the reading scores of dropout and at-risk students, they replied that they had not. So, I told them to check the reading scores and come back to share what they had found with me. Bill came back in only a few minutes and said, “You are right, Mr. Cantley, the problem is that these kids can't read.” When I told him that we needed to get some reading teachers on staff, he

replied that it would be a waste of resources because, “research shows that if a kid can't read by the time he reaches high school, he will never learn to read.”

I have always been careful around people who say, “research shows” because if you want to support a position or if you take on an issue, you can always find “research” to support your point of view. In this case, I knew that Bill was wrong—people in their 80's were not only being taught to read, but some were even earning their high school diploma and going to college. So, we started adding reading teachers—as our budget would allow—and saved a lot of kids from becoming dropouts.

Before Bill went to check on the reading scores, I knew what he would find. My biggest regret of being a principal for 19 years is that I failed to convince my superiors including area superintendents, superintendents, and school board members that if a kid is to graduate high school he or she must know how to read. One superintendent would even tell a fellow principal that I was living in the 1950's because I was lobbying for reading! My strongest ally in the push for reading was Penny Beers, the county reading director.

My continuing fight to support reading never stopped! I tried, without success, to get other high school principals to support my position of hiring more reading teachers. At one high school principals' meeting Dr. Art Johnson (who would later become superintendent) was the Chair, when he came to the topic of reading on the agenda he said, “OK, the next item for discussion is Dave's reading”. I replied, “What do you mean, ‘Dave's reading’ this should be everyone's reading problem.”

After Art retired, he ran for the school board and one day we were discussing his campaign. He said that he would stress discipline and reading. Adamantly I answered, “What the hell do you mean by ‘reading’? All those years when I preached reading I couldn't get your support.” Art smiled and said, “That's right, and now I am going to get elected on your platform.” When he became superintendent a few

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## Centennial Celebration UPDATE

By Dr. Annette M. Gilbert/LWHS/LWHS Alumni Foundation Liason

In 2022, Grand Ole' Lake Worth Community High School will celebrate **100 years of educating the youth and families which it serves**. The 5-year count down to the grand centennial began in 2017. We now have only 3 years to prepare and advertise this great celebration. In honor of this extraordinary landmark, the “100<sup>th</sup> Birthday” of the “One and Only Lake Worth Community High School”, we have launched the “**Centennial Celebration Brick Sale**”. Mr. Dave Cantley originally started the brick sale idea many years ago. The renaissance of the brick sale will continue to generate funds for our Alumni Foundation to continue our scholarship program.

Two years ago, the **LWHS Dollars for Scholars/Alumni Foundation reached the \$1,000,000.00 mark in awarding scholarships** for students at Lake Worth High School. Mr. Harold Gilmore and the Alumni Foundation organized a phenomenal event to celebrate this momentous accomplishment. It took many events, activities, and fundraisers to reach this incredible achievement. Moving forward, we

will carry on the brick sale to continue to raise money for the students of Lake Worth Community High School. As we approach the Centennial, we have many plans to raise even more funds. Our hope is that by 2022, we will have reached \$3,000,000.00. **With your help and participation, “We Can”!**

We are calling on members of every graduating class, parents/families of current or former students, educators who have taught at LWCHS, and “All” who Love LWCHS, to help raise money by purchasing a brick or, as many as you would love to. You can personalize your brick to notate yourself or commemorate a loved one. It is your choice! Our goal is to carry on the business of raising funds to provide financial support to qualifying graduating students in pursuit of their post high school endeavors. To join in this “Centennial Celebration Countdown” visit our Lake Worth High School Alumni Foundation page at [lwbsalumni.org](http://lwbsalumni.org) to purchase your brick today!

**Please SPREAD THE WORD!!!**

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ANNIVERSARY

## Go Trojans!

*At present, there are 2 options for ordering a brick: {1} complete an order form below and mail it with a check to LWHS: Attention Alumni foundation, {2}. Visit the Lake Worth High School Alumni Foundation Web page. Scroll down to The Centennial of Lake Worth Community High School Brick Sale. Click on, “Click here for more information.” Scroll down to and click “Buy Now”. This will take you to a pay portal. Click on the shopping cart \$100.00 USD. A drop down box will appear, which will indicate that you are purchasing the Commemorative Brick at this site. Proceed with your purchase. It's just that simple!*

**Order Yours Today!**

4 x 8 Paver  
14 Characters  
(including spaces)  
3 Lines Maximum

### \$100 in Honor of 100 Years!

## Centennial Celebration Brick Order Form

The information must fit within 3 lines of text with 14 spaces per line. One letter, punctuation, or number per box is allowed (leave blank spaces between words).  
*All orders are final. No cancellation or refunds will be accepted.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Clearly Information in the Boxes Provided Below:


Number of bricks ordered: \_\_\_\_\_ (\$100.00 per brick) Check enclosed in the amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to the Lake Worth High School Alumni Foundation (Memo: Brick Order)

Mail your check along with this form to: Lake Worth High School Alumni Foundation  
1701 Lake Worth Road • Lake Worth, Florida 33460



David D. Cantley

## President's Message

May 19<sup>th</sup> marked our 21<sup>st</sup> year awarding scholarships to financially needy students. We awarded \$126,500 to sixty-three students. That put us over \$1,257,000 since 1999, our founding year when we awarded \$10,000.

Fifty-seven students received \$109,500 in scholarships ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 from the "regular" and vocational/technical account and six students received a total of \$17,000 from the Barry Grunow Memorial account. The Grunow account was established to honor Barry Grunow, a Lake Worth Middle School teacher who was murdered in his classroom on the last day of school in 2000. The Grunow scholarships are made possible by the efforts of Maryanne Hedrick who taught with Barry at Lake Worth Middle. Maryanne conducts the Barry Grunow Memorial Golf Tournament yearly to fund Barry's scholarships.

Dollars for Scholars has no paid employees relying instead on the efforts of voluntary board of directors to raise money, evaluate scholarship applications and spread the word of our mission. The Lake Worth High School Alumni Foundation pays all overhead expenses of DFS. This ensures that every dollar donated to DFS goes to help a needy student realize his or her dream of a college education. Our principal, Dr. Epps continues to donate \$25,000 to DFS from flea market proceeds.

You will note from treasurer Mike Woods' report that we have \$932,830.30 in endowed scholarships. Families and friends have contributed to establish scholarships in the name of a loved one. When the amount reaches \$20,000 it becomes endowed in perpetuity. Our endowments earn 6-8% each year. When needed we will take 50% of the interest earned in one year to put in the scholarship pot and leave the remaining 50% to grow the principal which will never be touched. We have only had to do this two times during our 21 years.

DFS continues to command respect and retain our reputation to raise funds, responsibly manage those funds and award scholarships on a non-discriminatory basis to students who have demonstrated financial need. We are enthusiastically looking forward to reaching the million dollar mark in our endowments. On behalf our board of directors and volunteers I extend gratitude to our donors.

—Dave Cantley, DFS President

# Lake Worth Dollars for Scholars Foundation Balance Sheet As Of September 30, 2019

	Sep 30, 19	Aug 31, 19	\$ Change
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current Assets			
Checking/Savings			
Grunow Checking	6,349.62	4,499.53	1,850.09
LWHS Checking	16,410.70	16,410.70	0.00
Total Checking/Savings	22,760.32	20,910.23	1,850.09
Total Current Assets	22,760.32	20,910.23	1,850.09
Other Assets			
Al Elam Scholarship Fund	31,520.00	30,717.00	803.00
Barry Grunow Scholarship Fund	177,987.00	172,876.00	5,111.00
Betty Milone Scholarship Fund	57,970.00	56,292.00	1,678.00
Charles Brooks Scholarship Fund	25,873.00	25,096.00	777.00
David Cantley Scholarship Fund	51,694.00	50,199.00	1,495.00
Dennis & Doris Dorsey Sch Fund	41,707.00	40,495.00	1,212.00
E.R."Buddy" Goodell Sch Fund	32,028.00	30,812.00	1,216.00
Eva Norberg Scholarship Fund	30,499.00	29,712.00	787.00
Helen Bundy Scholarship Fund	29,487.00	28,608.00	879.00
Jerry McCoy Scholarship Fund	20,867.00	20,485.00	382.00
Karl Easton Scholarship Fund	45,897.00	44,568.00	1,329.00
Kristen Stanley Scholarship Fun	55,347.00	53,744.00	1,603.00
Lake Worth Memorial Sch Fund	28,923.34	28,123.34	800.00
LWHS Alumni Scholarship Fund	113,335.00	110,246.00	3,089.00
Malcom Cain Sch Fund 655-020988	24,125.00	24,008.00	117.00
Margaret C Donnelley Fund	21,995.00	21,224.00	771.00
Michael Fisher Scholarship Fund	36,792.00	35,717.00	1,075.00
Tommy & Helen Hansen Sch Fund	61,428.00	59,665.00	1,763.00
Watson B. Duncan III Sch Fund	45,356.00	44,006.00	1,350.00
Total Other Assets	932,830.34	906,593.34	26,237.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>955,590.66</b>	<b>927,503.57</b>	<b>28,087.09</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

## Dollars For Scholars Mission Statement

"The purpose of the chapter shall be to expand access to higher education for students of Lake Worth High School, Lake Worth, Florida by promoting (DFS) the Dollars For Scholars program, maintaining an operational structure, raising funds for student aid distribution, and distributing awards on a fair and nondiscriminatory basis. The chapter shall operate in a manner consistent with the policies and procedures of Scholarship America."

## I Became Principal At LWHS...

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years later, he called me out of retirement in 2002-03 to serve as supervising principal at Forest Hill High.

My supervisory assignment was to help the principal get the school off the state-assigned "F" list which the state had assigned to Forest Hill High. Art introduced me at a principal's meeting and stated that I had tried for years to tell everyone that our schools' main problem was a lack of reading skills. He added, "It looks like we should have listened to him." I was elated when Art increased the number of reading teachers in the school district.

During the late 1980's, I noticed a slow change in Lake Worth High's demographics. There was an increasing "white flight" from the city of Lake Worth caused by deteriorating housing quality and increasing crime. We were losing students who would have been third-generation graduates; this "white flight" was causing the school to wither and die right before my eyes. The magnet school concept would turn out to be the solution to our problems.

The student parking lot at Lake Worth High is under interstate 95 on the west side of the campus. The parking lot is huge with space for several hundred cars.

Frank Kohl, the executive director of the Lake Worth Chamber of Commerce kept telling me that the chamber and the school should operate a flea market in the parking lot during weekends when the lot is vacant. Frank offered to operate the market, the school would provide the venue, and we would split the profits fifty-fifty. I finally agreed, and the market was started in January of 1987. The market took off like gangbusters, earning more money than we ever expected. Ralph and Betty Milone took over management of the market after Thanksgiving of 1992 when Ralph's health failed. Shortly after Betty and Ralph assumed management of the market, the school became the sole propri-

etor of the market. The Milones greatly expanded the business by advertising. Betty passed away in February of 2006 and the management duties were assumed by Ralph and his wife Consuella. The Lake Worth High School Flea Market is the most successful school fundraiser in the Palm Beach County School District, earning the school a net profit of \$150,000 annually.

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