



LORAIN SCHOOLS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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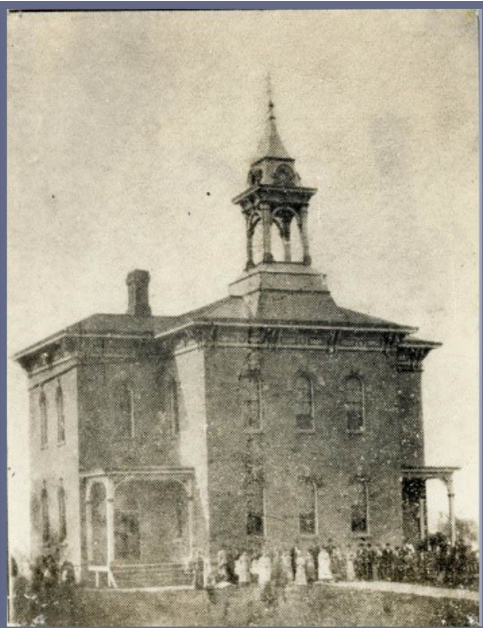
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WELCOME!

Welcome to the Lorain Schools Alumni Association Newsletter! Who are we and what do we hope to accomplish with this organization? The Association was created to connect, recognize, and honor past, present, and future graduates of Lorain high schools. Anyone who is a graduate of any of the high schools in Lorain, past or present, is invited to join our association. This includes graduates of Lorain High School, Lorain St. Mary's High School, Lorain Admiral King High School, Lorain Southview High School, and Lorain Catholic High School. The main goal of this organization is to build pride in our community and the graduates of Lorain's high schools. The hope is to demonstrate for current students that a quality education has always been available through our local high schools and that education can provide the foundation for our students to succeed and soar to accomplish their goals in life. Each year this association will honor alumni graduates who illustrate this success. Another goal is to provide scholarships for Lorain's deserving students to further their education. Fundraisers will be held to support this goal. Lastly, it is a goal to share the journey of this association with our members through the quarterly publication of this newsletter. Join us!

Union
School.
Lorain, OH
Built 1870
High school
classes began
1876.



IN THE BEGINNING . . .

Two boys and one girl graduated from Union School becoming Lorain's first alumni.

Since that time, Lorain schools have graduated some of the most diverse, creative, and hardworking individuals the world has ever seen—actors, writers, athletes, generals, singers, poets, scientists, and the like.

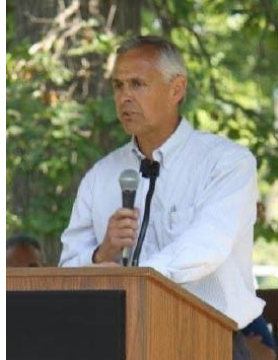
There have been many changes in the last 140 years. Despite the quantity of high schools diminishing, the quality of our graduates has not. We remain honored and humbled to be graduates of Lorain schools and look forward to re-connecting with all of you.

MEET OUR BOARD MEMBERS



President

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AKHS, CLASS OF '93



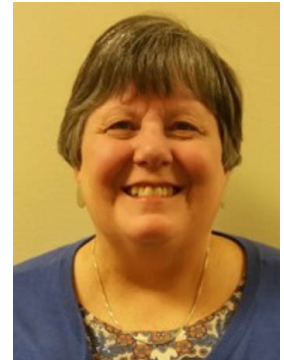
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AKHS, CLASS OF '69



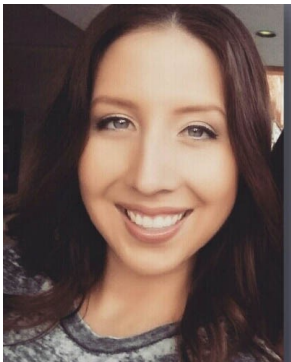
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AKHS, CLASS OF '70



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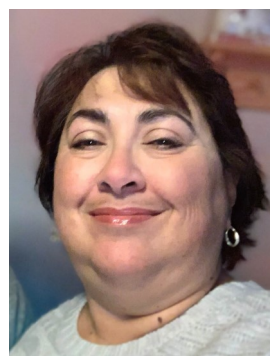
Bambi (Dimacchia) Dillon
LHS, CLASS OF '72



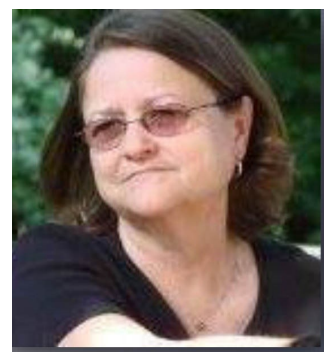
Mia Arredondo
SVHS, CLASS OF '06



Mark Ballard
AKHS, CLASS OF '86



Missy DeAngelis
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LHS, CLASS OF '67



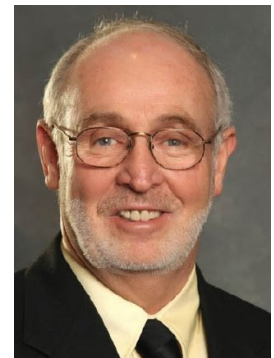
Jeremy Leyva
SVHS, CLASS OF '00



Raul Ramos
AKHS, CLASS OF '64



Bill Rufo
AKHS, CLASS OF '67



Bill Sturgill
LHS, CLASS OF '68

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI INDUCTION

On June 23, 2018, the Lorain Schools Alumni Association inducted its inaugural class into the Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. A committee of Lorain Schools Alumni Association members selected candidates who have distinguished themselves at a high level of achievement in their particular field of study, life's work, or community service in areas such as, but not limited to, the arts, business, education, government service, community service, science, and/or technology.

At a breakfast held at Lorain High School, the inductees were introduced by Jay Ferguson. As each received his/her plaque, his/her story history was told. Each will have a smaller plaque placed in Lorain High indicating the Class of 2018 Distinguished Alumni.

The Class of 2018 is as follows:

Jim Bonaminio	AKHS, Class of 1967
Patsie C. Campana, Sr.	LHS, Class of 1940B
Leonard DeLuca	LHS, Class of 1953B
Michael Dirda	AKHS, Class of 1966
Kel Fligner	LHS, Class of 1957B
Evangeline Gomez	SVHS, Class of 1993
Robert Gradisek	AKHS, Class of 1969
Carmelene (Dimacchia) Januzzi	LHS, Class of 1947B
Ilche Nonevski	SVHS, Class of 1993
Don Novello	LHS, Class of 1961
Jaclyn (Bradley) Palmer	LC, Class of 1997
Ramon Rivas	SVHS, Class of 2003
Tiffany Tarpley	AKHS, Class of 1998

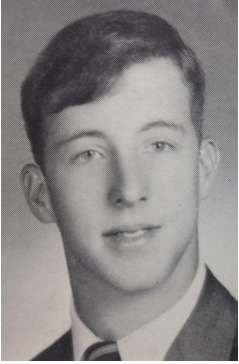
The 2018 Class was invited to the International Festival to be introduced to the attendees and also participate in the International Parade on the following day.

Nominations for the 2019 Class are currently being taken. Applications are available on our website. A nominee can be a graduate of Admiral King, Lorain Catholic, Lorain High, Southview, or St. Mary's. Beginning this year, a nominee can be a person who has affected our schools in a positive manner such as a non-Lorain graduate teacher, secretary, resource officer, etc. However, this category is limited to two per year since the major emphasis is on Lorain alumni. Nominations are due by March 15, 2019.



For pictures and videos of this event or an application for nomination, visit our website at www.lorainschoolalumni.com.

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Craig Looney was born August 18, 1950, in Akron, Ohio. But Craig's roots are really in Lorain, where he grew up on West 10th Street near the corner of Oberlin Avenue. That location means he attended Lakeview Elementary, Irving Junior High, and Lorain High School. Education has always run deep in the Looney family. Many of you may remember Craig's parents: Jack Looney was a long-time math teacher at Lorain High School and Athletic Director for Lorain City Schools, and his mother, Jimmie Looney, taught 5th grade at Lakeview Elementary for many years. Craig was one of four Looney siblings along with his sisters, Linda, Lauren, and Lisa. Two of his sisters spent their careers teaching, as Lauren is a retired professor from Syracuse University and Lisa is a retired Grove City high school teacher. Craig's wife, Kathy, of Ottawa Hills in Toledo, spent her career also as a 5th grade and Special Education teacher.

While in high school, Craig was active in choir, band and orchestra and played tennis and basketball for the Steelmen. Music was an early love and an interest Craig would turn to later in his life. After graduation, Craig headed off to Columbus where he attended The Ohio State University, graduating from the Fisher School of Business in 1973. Upon graduating Craig secured his first job in computer manufacturing in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Where?! While working at the location of That School Up North, Craig met and married Kathy. In 1979, they moved to Atlanta, Georgia, where Craig was tasked to start up a manufacturing facility for his employer, Northern Telecom. A period of time followed where Craig worked for three different firms as a manufacture's rep before he decided to start his own company. Craig established ComRep, Inc. and served as its President for 23 years (1996-2017) until his retirement on December 31, 2017. During this time he and Kathy raised three daughters, Kristen, Shannon, and Meghan and became grandparents to Ethan, Carson and Talia.

Nine years ago, Craig and Kathy built a house in the beautiful mountain community of Big Canoe, Georgia, in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Craig still plays tennis, golf and enjoys hiking the trails around his home. Craig is currently wrapping up a final year of consulting with ComRep. So, now what? To keep himself occupied during retirement, Craig has joined with two like-minded individuals in his community to form Mountain Laurel Broadcasting, LLC. Sharing similar musical tastes, music collections and experience as D.J.'s, they have launched Inside the Gates Radio. Utilizing a combination of live shows and automatic DJ, they stream the greatest Rock and Roll music from the 60's, 70's, 80's and beyond. See, dreams do sometimes come true. Looney Tunes, indeed. Listen to the music at www.insidethegatesradio.com.



Do you have a story to share about a friend, classmate, or high school experience? We'd love to hear from you at: lorainschoolalumni.com.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Lorain Schools Alumni Association is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Thursday, April 4, 2019, at the IAV, 4567 Oberlin Ave., Lorain. Dinners will be served from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 which include spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert, and beverage. A Basket Raffle and a 50/50 Raffle will also be held. Funds raised will support the Association's scholarship program.

For tickets, contact any of the board members or Bambi Dillon at 440-989-6539.

UPCOMING DATES*

February 20, 2019	Alumni Board Meeting
March 3, 2019	Sports Hall of Fame Steak Fry
March 15, 2019	Deadline for Distinguished Alumni Nominations
March 20, 2019	Alumni Board Meeting
April 4, 2019	Lorain Schools Alumni Association Scholarship Fundraiser, Spaghetti Dinner
April 17, 2019	Alumni Board Meeting
May 11, 2019	Sports Hall of Fame Enshrinement Banquet
May 15, 2019	Alumni Board Meeting
May 21, 2019	Lorain High Graduation Wolstein Center
June 19, 2019	Alumni Board Meeting
June 28-30, 2019	Lorain International Festival
June 29, 2019	Distinguished Alumni Recognition Breakfast

*For further information on each event, visit the website for each organization/school.



SHARE WITH US

Share your stories about our Lorain Schools, memories, upcoming events, etc. for our newsletters. Your input would be greatly appreciated.

Send information to Kathy at kathleenlathwell@gmail.com or Sue at bylica@roadrunner.com.

LORAIN RETIRED TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS

Lorain Education Association-Retired (LEA-R) is a social organization dedicated to re-establishing friendships and comradeships developed during the teaching years.

LEA-R meets four times a year to socialize, lunch, and enjoy a guest speaker or musician. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 26, at 12:00 p.m. The program will be "Lorain Then and Now" presented by David Simmer (AKHS, Class of 1970). Cost of the luncheon is \$15.00.

For further information about the luncheon or to make a reservation, contact Nancy Wargo at nwargo18@gmail.com.

Interested in joining our organization, contact Jo Brown at jobrown@centurylink.net or Sue Bylica at bylica@roadrunner.com for a membership form or more information.

CURRENTLY IN OUR SCHOOLS . . .

Titan Varsity Basketball Team has a 18-1 record and has recently been ranked 6th in the state of Ohio by the Associated Press.

Everyone in grades 6-12 have received laptops totaling 2,920.

Trent Jackson scored a perfect 36 on his ACT test with 47 other students scoring higher than the national average of 20.

Lorain High School has 450 students participating in LHS Early College Academy, LCCC Early College High School, or earning college credit through College Credit Plus.



MEMBERSHIP

At this point, there is no cost for membership for the Lorain Schools Alumni Association. However, any donations that you wish to make to either the scholarship fund or costs of running the organization would be gladly accepted!

If you choose to donate, please write the check to Lorain Schools Alumni Association and indicate to where the donation should be applied. Checks can be sent to Lorain Schools Alumni Association, PO Box 954, Lorain, OH 44052. Thank you so much!

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

School: _____ Class of _____
(please print)

Last Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone: () _____ E-mail: _____

Send applications to Admin@lorainschoolalumni.com or Lorain Schools Alumni Association, 5733 Normandy Dr., Lorain, OH 44053.