

Windsor High School Alumni Association

Home of the Yellow Jackets

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You've outdone yourselves again! With your financial assistance and your readiness to help out whenever asked, we've had a hugely successful year! Thank you is too small a phrase for the spirit and support you show every year.

Congratulations to the **Class of '76** for their winning float, Betty Crocker, a loving tribute to their recently deceased classmate **Cindy Hathorn Ladue**. '61 took 2nd for Alice In Wonderland, and '86 gave us a colorful rendition of Kipling's Jungle Book. The **Class of '96**, represented by **Kirk Anderson, Chris Gould, Chad Rockwood & Travis Williams**, won the 19th Annual Golf Tournament. Thanks specifically to **Traci Smiley '84** for organizing Alumni Day, **Riley White '09** for managing the Golf Tournament and **Alex Morley '10, Tegan Coley '11 & James Nolan '10** for overseeing the MM5K.

Our first effort sponsoring the Murphy-Morse 5K was a successful learning experience; repeat winner **Will Jaarsma '17** took his age group, and **Kenedi Michael Hall '10** won the 18-32 year olds division. Brand-new alum **Zach Doiron '16** was also a winner.

Years ago the Association regularly recognized the alum who traveled the farthest to attend our annual festivities. If we still did, in 2016, the winner – hands down – would have been **Kirk Anderson '96** who traveled about 16,000 miles, from Australia, to join us! Kirk's trek reminds us that Yellow Jackets' journeys have taken them to far-flung locales. While almost 1000 newsletters go to our "home" zip code, 05089, this newsletter also goes to every state in the Union (*except one – any guesses?*) and to several foreign addresses – to places from Mattawamkeag, Maine to Moses Lake, Washington and many places between, like Wachapreague, Virginia, or Frankenmuth, Michigan or Apache Junction, Arizona. If you can't guess the one state we're missing, look around in the newsletter.

As spectacular as 2016 was for us, we were dealt a pair of monumental losses: Coach Royce's passing, as we reported to you last year (please see page 2 for more about Coach Royce's legacy), was followed by the death of **Tom Rhoad '59** at the age of 75. Tom was a classic example to all of someone who "gives back." After WHS, he served Dartmouth as Student Government President and was then on to teach at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis. However, his Windsor roots were deep, and he followed his heart home to teach at WHS for 34 years, retiring sooner than he would have liked due to health issues. Another WHS teacher, Andy Lory, aptly described Tom as "the moral compass of the town for years." The Alumni Association pays its respects to Tom's wholehearted and lifelong dedication to generations of students, and the school and community he served and loved.

Again, you have my thanks for all you do as well. We look forward to seeing you in June!

Jill Spencer White '77, President 802-674-2929 jjrwhite3@yahoo.com

Reminder – 2018 Parade theme: Cereals – Classes '38, '43, '48, '53, '58, '63, '68, '73, '78, '83, '88, '93, '98, '03, '08, '13

Once again, we request your help to fund our programs and to produce another wonderful Weekend.

- Yes, I'd like to celebrate Tom Rhoad's life with a gift of \$75
 \$10 annual dues per alumna/alumnus
 donation for Weekend activities
 donation to the WHS Alumni Scholarship Fund, to include the Leon Royce Scholarship

Name _____ Class _____

Maiden Name _____

Mailing Address _____

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Make your check payable to Windsor Alumni Association. Tax ID # 27-3503835

Mail to: WHS Alumni Association, PO Box 350, Windsor, Vermont 05089 Thank you

OR: you can now pay dues and make donations online at <http://www.whsvt.com>. A percentage will be deducted as a management fee..

1st Annual Leon Royce Scholarship

Your overwhelming response to our request to honor the life of our coach/teacher/mentor and friend, Leon Royce '42, was impressive! As a result, the Executive Committee decided to put those receipts toward a scholarship in Coach Royce's name. The young man who received this 1st \$2000 award is **Nick Kapuscinski '16**, pictured here with **Scholarship Committee Chairman Mike Allen '69**.

Coach Royce's widow, **Marjorie (Hatch) '47**, and his son, **Bob Royce '67**, made the announcement at Senior Night.

Starting pitcher Nick and his teammates added to the celebration by winning the Vermont State Baseball Div III Championship on Alumni Day, wearing an Eagle (Coach Royce's nickname) above the numbers on the backs of their jerseys.

Nick is the son of **Adam Kapuscinski '86 & Angela Hussey '90**, and grandson of **Ignace Kapuscinski '50**. He is studying Mechanical Engineering at Merrimack College. In his application for our scholarship, he wrote about our alma mater that "We're a rather small school but we are always doing big things," and your investment in this promising young man will assist him to keep doing big things. Nick might be described best by another award he received – the Russ Churchill ('77) 110% Effort and Determination Award.



More Ball Players – Here's the 2016

Alumni Softball Team – which cheerfully competed on a rainy spring day in the Annual At Bat 4 Windsor Kids softball invitational. Left to right in front: Stefanie Curtis Russell '07, Casey Dillingham '08 (2nd Vice President of the Alumni Association!), Katelyn Curtis '12, and James Nolan '10; left to right at the back: Nick Debartolo '12, Greg Kennett '11, Levi Brown '12, Thomas O'Neill '12, Sarah Kendall '08, Justin Richards '05 and Christina Howe '08.

No WHS Alums live in Mississippi as far as we know – though Zach Doiron '16 has been working in Hattiesburg recently.



Photo credits, if not otherwise identified, to Dave Nelson, Ed Perkins '51, Rudy Hanecak '93 and Mary Grela – thanks to all!

2017 alumni weekend June 9th and 10th schedule

Friday June 9th

7:00 p.m.

Windsor High School Commencement exercises –

Congratulations to the Class of '17!, our newest members

Saturday, June 10th

8:30 a.m.

13th Annual Murphy-Morse Memorial 5K Run/Walk at WHS Track & Field Complex – registration fee supports Windsor Friends of Track –free t-shirts– register at <http://sites.google.com/site/mm5krunwalk>

9:00 a.m.

Alums Meet and Greet on the Windsor House porch- for information, dues, registration, renewing old friendships

10:00 a.m.

Annual Alumni Parade: Theme is Children's Toys. Contact Traci Smiley '84 for information or to register a float at tracsmiley@gmail.com

10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

State Street Common activities for great food, entertainment, and a good time!

Contact Clayton Paronto '83 for more information at [802-674-5761](tel:802-674-5761) or claytonparonto_1@msn.com. Friends of the Windsor Library annual book sale on the Library lawn across the street.

12 noon

Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association at the Common Bandstand – election of officers and announcement of parade float winners

12 noon

20th Annual Golf Tournament at John P Larkin Country Club - contact Riley White '09 (603-381-6691) for information



Congratulations to the Leadership Classes: '49, '54, '60, '73, '89, '95, '04 and '14

Donors \$500 or over

Maxwell Frazer '60 Stanley Hedeler '62 Bill Jenney '66 James Prevo '71 Peter Marzbarian '77

Donors \$92 or over

Temple Hood '41
June Watkins Rees '44
Nancy Rice Levesque '45
Walter Rockwood '46
Robert Sisco '46
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Donna Berry Townsend '47
Donald Ricketts '47
Helen Hannah George '48
Margaret Krause Leighty '48
Donald Monette '48
SMS Donald Van Dusen USAF (Ret) '49
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Tom Tomasi Jr '53
William & Patricia Lamica Dow '53/'54
Bruce & Coleen Coxon Blanchard '54
Loren Howard '54
Richard Harlow '56
David & Barbara Greene Rhoad '56/'57
in memory of Crofter Cummings '39 & Leon Royce '42
John Barth '57
Vivian Boudro Carter '57
Col Stuart Hodgeman USAF (Ret) '58
John Sinclair '58 *in memory of Alex Blastos '58*
Rosemary Howard Morancy '59
Barbara Atwood Wells '60
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Phyllis Erskine Blanchard '60
David Haurlick '60
Donald Miller '60
Stephen Terry '60
Joanne Thomas Luther '60
Andrea Edsall Boum '61
Richard Mackay '61
Barry & Julie Barber Bradley '62
Ronald Dana '62
Robert Gameau '62
Bonnie Durphey McMillin '63
Dr Bonnie Hood Weaver '63
Pamm Trask Zimmerman '63
in memory of her sister Jacky Trask Manning '46
Tom & Betty Barrows Connolly '64
Stan & Sherill Boyce Gould '64/'65
Mary Lou Jenney Lowrey '64
Bruce & Marley Martin Lombard '64
John A Shaban '64
Judith Shepard Jacobson '64
Sandra Hood Guaraldi '65
June Millette Fisher '65
Sally Stacey Hagen '65
Carol Stimson Williams '65
Roger & Linda Lemery Whitcomb '66
Thomas Campbell '67
Thomas & Charlotte Ely MacLeay '67
Karen Sabins Hill '67
Richard Shambo '67
Leanne Sykes King '67
Marcia TanCreti Fallon '67
Dr Thomas & Karen Bates Terry '67
Skip & Clara Laderoute Knapp '68/'67
Dan & Janet Daryew Mead '69/'73
in memory of Cynthia Brennan '52
Gary Straw '69
Beverly Wilder Widger '69
Deborah Camey '70
David & Carol Bromley Angier '71
Richard Brown '71
William Dillon '71
Susan Smith Bailey '71
in memory of Bunny Dodge & Phyllis French, friends & teachers
Brett Blaisdell '72
Steven & Susan Hewett Lane '74
Rick Kobe '72
Ted & Leslie Rhoad White '72/'81
Jayne Atwood Lowe '73
Linda Thomas Martel '73
Bebe Belaski Zabilansky '75
Martha Walsh '75
James Belaski '76
Greg Blake '76
Robert Ewald '77
Robin French '77
Shelley Hull Seward '77
Carla Kelley '77
Jim Kenyon '77
Donald Swinyer '77
Janice Clark Bullock '78
Denise Hiney Strait '78
Tami Marsters Wilkerson '78
Jennifer Rhoad DiGrigoli '79
Steven Ducharme '89
Nancy P Davis, *in memory of her son Paul R Davis '81*
Donald & Gretchen Rhoad Vesper '81/'87
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Janice Kilfeather-Mackey '83
Michael Scott Blake '83
Les Wardwell '83
Kevin Laptos '84
William & Elizabeth Carter Page '86
Lorraine Tarczewski Durst '87
MSgt Jeremy Clay USAF (Ret) '91
Obadiah Dart '94
Courtney Davis Durkin '98
Katy Mower Knapp '00
Pennie Armstrong, Retired Teacher
Lois Fish White, Retired Teacher

SIX SPECIAL SCHOLARS



Your remarkable generosity has allowed us to invest in the futures of 6 '16s, who wowed us with their achievements and their potential for continued success. L to r: Casey Husband, Chloe Balch, Tristan McMullen, Nick Kapuscinski, Maddy Morse & Karen Fan, pictured here with Mike Allen '69. Photo credit to Rachel Meagher '13, former scholarship winner.

Chloe Balch is the daughter of Greg '92 & Laura (Lemire) Balch '91, granddaughter of Don Balch '64. She transferred to WHS as a sophomore, where she found administrators & educators who said "Yes" and then "How can I help?," inspiring her commitment to children and education. She's currently pursuing a degree in Elementary Education at Castleton. **Karen Fan** came to Windsor at the age of 5, as her parents sought a safe place to raise a family, but found much more – a nurturing community. Karen honed her leadership skills in 4 years in Student Council, becoming both an excellent communicator and collaborator. She is now at Syracuse University, in the Whitman School of Management program. **Casey Husband**, son of Gary Husband '77, is wearing 2 hats already, as an undergraduate at UVM, as well as CEO of his own business – Lazarus Defense, which manufactures detachable backpacks holding emergency medical supplies for police officers. (See page 2 for more information about **Nick Kapuscinski's** special scholarship.) **Tristan McMullen** is something of a Renaissance man, mathlete and MVP of the State Championship Bowling Team, as well as Individual State Bowling Champion. He's now at Dartmouth, where he found multivariable calculus easy!, freeing him to apply geometry at the pool tables at Collis Student Center. **Maddy Morse**, a CPR-certified lifeguard, is at St Michael's, playing D2 collegiate soccer and studying Bio/PreMed with the goal of being a physician's assistant. Needless to say, all 6 contributed to WHS while students there – academically, in theater, student government, and athletically. Each received a scholarship of \$2000, possible because you responded so enthusiastically to our requests. We heard from them how well WHS had prepared them for the college experience. The faculty at WHS is to be congratulated for enlarging their knowledge base and confidence in their students' ability to make dreams a reality. A program called Capstone, now a requirement for graduation, requires each senior to pursue an area of interest thoroughly and make a presentation of their findings, which is open to the public. The program led to Chloe's decision to be an educator, to Casey's business, and to Maddy's awareness of her commitment to health care.

Once again, we were able also to facilitate the transition from high school to the work world with an Occupational and Trades Grant of \$1000. This year's winner is **Mindi Mayo**, daughter of David Mayo '79, pictured here with Mike. Mindi finished her graduation requirements early and was already enrolled in The New England School of Hair Design by the time her classmates were receiving their diplomas. She's blessed with an outstanding work ethic and a cheerful countenance, both of which will serve her well. Thank you to all of you who made it possible for us to help her on her way.

Photo credit to Karen Husband, proprietor of Windsor's popular coffee shop Boston Dreams, who allows us to use her business as our unofficial "headquarters."

Your Scholarship Committee members are:

Mike Allen '69, Jane Eastman Stillson '61, Pamm Trask Zimmerman '63, Linda Lemery Whitcomb '66, Karen Sabins Hill '67, Lisa Springer Champagne '68 and Deb Carney '70.



In Memoriam

Yellow Jackets we have lost in 2016

Fred Sweet '37
Frances VanDusen Cady '37
Crofter Cummings '39
Olive Surrall Mackay '39
Kenneth Phelps '40
Donald MacLeay '40
Francis Auger '41
Linda Smith Eastman '41
Erroll Rice '41
Esther Murray Vezina '42
Christine Peoples Sykes '42
Leon Royce '42, *WHS teacher and coach*
Dorothy Dana McEnaney '43A, *State St teacher*
Elizabeth "Betty" Blaine '44
Sylvia Jordan Tobin '45
Beatrice Spalding Dorsey '46
Collene Spencer Rushia '46
Mary Jacqueline Trask Manning '46
Jennie Czerbinski DeVoyd '47
Marcia Virgus Kozie '47
Wesley Alexander '48
June Coffran Millage '49
Leland Churchill '49

Robert Husband '51
John "Harvey" Russell '51
Donald Ford '52
Patricia Belisle Dugdale '53
Elizabeth "Betty" Harris Shaw '55
Bruce Pomeroy '55
Ruth Roberts Silvester '55
Robert Walsh '57
Thomas Rhoad '59, *WHS teacher*
Michael Connolly '60
Verne Hobbs '61
Charles Dana '63A
Donald Howard '63
Diana Mulroy Leigh '63
David Houghton '64
Thomas Larkin '64
Philip Harrington Jr '66
David Lacourse '70
Peter Baker '71
Robert Maheu '71
Lisa Barrows Vezina '78
Anna Beth Dutton, *WHS teacher*

We also remember Betty Becker Lemire,
Margaret Becker Ellis, Ruth Blanchard Gonthier
Adams, Darrell Conlay, Connie Crowell Tessier,
Julia Garcia Flood, Nancy Harris Sheerman,
Mavis Hood Johns on Durphey, Ralph Johnson,
Nellie E LaCount, Cody LaFont, Ruby Russo
Cormier, Vivienne Sanderson Wakefield,
Robert Shambo, Janice Stimpson Russell,
Lorraine Strong Kruse, James Wishinski

We've also received word that these

Yellow Jackets passed away in 2015

Margaret Nowlan Borah '41	Martin "Hap" Person '46
Charlotte Strong Maxham '41	Mavis Robinson Nelson '47
Mildred Cook Barron '42	Charles Dunn '48
Madeline Roppe Wakefield Pfundt '42	Barbara Lumbr Piraino '48
Virginia Sherwin Roper '42	Alexander Blastos '58
George Geer '43	Vera Williams Davis '58
Charlotte Napsey Hadrych '43	Stanley Charles Rook '61
Isabelle Levasque Tayson '43	Pamala Bates Walley '62
Walter Leneau '46A	Barbara Frail Hummel '65



2016 Alumni Book Award Winners—in recognition of superior scholar-ship— Left to right: Zach O'Brien '17, Lysle Nelson '18, Ben Meagher '18, Ryland Richardson '19, Ella Jaarsma '19 & Erin Wierzbicki '17

2016 Year of Champions

The Yellow Jacket family is especially blessed with bragging rights this year!

Baseball team – won the State Championship for the 1st time since Coach Royce's last champion team in '75 – Congratulations to Coach **Jamie Richardson '91** and the team!

Bowling team – for the 2nd time in 3 years, State Champions! **Katey Comstock '16** recognized as the Top Bowler in the State – Congratulations to Coach **Steve Bly** and the team!

Four Field Hockey Loaners – While WHS's venerable Field Hockey program was in hiatus, we loaned 4 of our stars to Springfield, and they brought our neighboring school the State Div II championship – Windsor freshman **Angelina Bigwood '20** scored the winning goal – and great news: the varsity Field Hockey program returns to WHS this coming fall

Football team – Undefeated Champions of Vermont State Div III, outscoring their opponents 461-89 over the season – Congratulations to Coaches **Greg Balch '92, Jamie Richardson '91, Tom McHugh '05 & Matt Meagher** & the team!

Gold Medalists at the State Science Fair – **Megan Roberts '17 & Vincent Moeykens '18**

3-D Team – these whiz kids successfully defended their title as the Vermont 3-D architecture competition Champions with a model of the original 1809 Vermont State Prison building – Congratulations to Coach **Aaron Day** and the team, with assistance from **Sarah Rooker** at the American Precision Museum!

Vincent Moeykens '18 represented Vermont at the International Science & Engineering Fair in Phoenix – the 6th year in a row that Vermont's representatives have included a WHS student

Test scores – WHS juniors scored well above the statewide average of proficiency in both English and mathematics

