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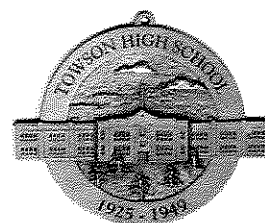
Lifetime memberships fund the Ted Prince Memorial Scholarship. Ted Prince was the only THS student to perish in World War I after volunteering following college.

Donations received between 3/1/10 and 9/22/10

1945 Blanche Devers  
 1945 June Dodson  
 1949 Howard Zimmerman  
 1954 Geraldine Ensor Hall  
 1956 R. Scott Simon  
 1963 James Howes

1972 Laurie Baty  
 1972 J. Alexander Risser  
 1973 Deborah Delaney Roth  
 1974 Carol Eads Schexnayder  
 1992 Caroline Bresee Rayburn

New Lifetime Members receive a FREE set of THS ornaments!



# NEWSNOTE

Towson High School Alumni Association



## Deserving Seniors are Rewarded!



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### Melinda Chen— *Alumni Medal of Excellence*

Given to the student with the highest academic average, Melinda will be the first person in her family to attend an American university. She was also the president of the 2010 Steering Committee, on the Executive Board for the National Honor Society and Vice President for the National French Honor Society. She was a student representative for the School Improvement Team and a Princeton Model Congress and is also a volunteer at GBMC.

### Emily Lehman— *Ted Prince Award*

This award was created in memory of Mr. Prince, the only THS graduate to die in World War I. It is given to a student who in addition to being a good student, possesses integrity and strength of character as well as showing a spirit of loyalty and service to Towson High. Emily was President of the SGA, on the Class of 2010 Steering Committee, in the National Honor Society and in the National Art Honor Society. She played field hockey, softball and was in the Sewing Club.

### Natalie Francis— *Arthur C. Crommer Mathematics Award*

In addition to being preeminent in character and conduct, Natalie excelled in mathematics. She is attending The University of Pennsylvania.

### Jessie Krebs— *R. Louise Balls English Award*

Awarded for excellence in classroom English and creative writing, Jessie is attending the University of Richmond.

### Victoria Van Natten— *Nannie Feast Law Award*

An outstanding student in the Law and Public Policy program, Victoria is attending Washington and Lee, where she received a merit-based scholarship.

### Vilena Sabaeva— *Outstanding Achievement Award*

The classes of 1949 and 1957 awarded a financial scholarship remaining from their reunions for a deserving student. Vilena was on the Spanish National Honor Society, an AVID tutor, in the Key Club and volunteered at the Bykota Senior Center. She moved to the USA just three years ago and is multilingual. She plans to study languages and anatomy and physiology en route to medical school.

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### Attend an Alumni Meeting:

February 8th

March 8th

April 12th

7:00 PM  
 Room 243, THS

# Towson High School News

## Sports Boosters

The THS gym just got a make-over! New paint, refinished floors and electric bleachers have the THS gym looking sharp. It is, however, still in need of air conditioning (it's the only part of the school without AC) and our banners celebrating championship seasons need to be replaced.

If you can donate to this cause or help in any way, please contact

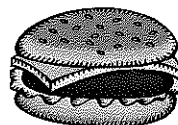
Karie Hogan [kariehogan@comcast.net](mailto:kariehogan@comcast.net) 410-790-0344

Many thanks!



## Save the Date!

THS Sports Boosters Annual Fundraiser "5 Star Feast"( aka Bull Roast) is Sat April 30<sup>th</sup> 7pm-midnight at the Towson American Legion Hall  
Come support all of the Towson Generals teams!



Contact: [kariehogan@comcast.net](mailto:kariehogan@comcast.net)

## Music Boosters

by Regina Davis

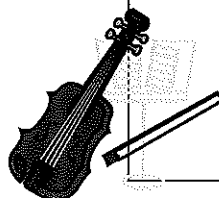
Towson High's music program is growing and thriving! This year, a new ensemble was added to the course offerings-Percussion Ensemble, focusing on classical/concert percussion, African percussion and drumming, and marching percussion.

The Marching Generals are off to a fantastic start! We won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Reisterstown Festival Parade and were proud to perform in the BCPS Marching Band Showcase at Johnny Unitas Stadium on the campus of Towson University.

Come see and hear the Marching Generals at all home football games. In addition, 58 THS music students auditioned for the Baltimore County Honors Band, Orchestra and Chorus Ensembles on October 2. Good luck to our student musicians. Go Generals!

Holiday Wreath Sale: Look for information on our annual fundraiser on the THS website beginning in November (<http://towsonhs.bcps.org>).

The Towson High School Music Boosters, Inc. is now an official 501(c)(3). We encourage alumni interested in making a tax-deductible donation to contact me at [RLAV328@aol.com](mailto:RLAV328@aol.com). Stay in touch! We love hearing from our alumni!



# Towson High School Rates

## "Best School for...Real Life Experience!"

-As published by Baltimore Magazine



An article published in Baltimore Magazine this September has certainly acknowledged Towson's commitment to "Excellence". Approximately 25% of THS seniors participate in the School to Career Program which allows seniors to leave school mid-day to work as interns in their fields at jobs from *The Sun* to the FBI.

"Students are able to connect, network and actually see concrete application of what they're learning in school," Dr. Jane Barranger, the Principal said. "Sometimes, even more valuable, is when students realize that it might not be the path for them before it's too late."

Towson also has a Law and Public Policy magnet program for those students considering a legal career. Some of the courses include law research, criminal law, international law, and civil rights and liberties. Some of these classes are taught by a lawyer on the faculty at THS. To further the real-life experience, students can present cases in a mock trial at the school in a model courtroom. "We provide students a chance to fuse academics with the real world," says Barranger.

### How does THS rate compared to other Baltimore County Public schools?

	Enrollment	Student/Teacher Ratio	Graduation Rate	College Bound
Towson High	1,384	15-1	94%	75%
Dulaney High	1,879	16-1	92%	76%
Loch Raven High	1,027	15-1	88%	71%
Perry Hall High	2,265	17-1	89%	68%

## Membership Renewal

Help us keep the info. coming – each mailing cost THSAA over \$3,000!

Towson High School Alumni Association, 69 Cedar Ave., Towson, MD 21286

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Maiden Last

Grad. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  Please **do not** e-mail me alumni highlights throughout the year!

Dues:  \$150.00 Lifetime  Send me my free set of ornaments! (Lifetime members)

**OR**  \$20.00 Annual  Other Tax-Deductible Gift: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

We accept checks (payable to THS Alumni Assoc.), money orders, VISA, MASTERCARD or DISCOVER

Account # \_\_\_\_\_ EXP. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Security code on back (last 3 digits) \_\_\_\_\_

# Back to School Night at THS

-Written by Chang Song, as published in the Talisman

On September 2, 2010, Towson High School held its annual "Back to School Night." There, many students, parents, and faculty members joined together to celebrate the start of another school year.

The event began at 6:15 p.m., with THS students, parents, and faculty members making their way to the cafeteria for a variety of healthy snacks and drinks. The snacks and drinks were provided in part by THS' own PTA (Parent Teacher Association).

One of the main purposes of THS' "Back to School Night" is to encourage students and parents alike to get involved at the school. The evening was an outstanding opportunity for many of THS' appealing clubs to showcase their individual contributions to not only THS, but also to the Towson community. Before the guests arrived, hard working representatives from each club, such as Key Club, Colophon, and National Honor Society, worked diligently to set up their respective information booths around the cafeteria to inform both students and parents of the advantages of being a member of each respective club. When Chemistry Teacher Jamie Biddison was asked why "Back to School Night" is so important, she responded, "It is a great opportunity to educate parents about all the different clubs and activities we have here at Towson High School."

After enjoying the snacks and learning about all the clubs at THS, guests headed over to the auditorium where they were entertained by THS' Chorus Ensemble, Jazz Band, and Orchestra Band. The trio of musical groups showed off their talents to the audience as they played a medley of music. Afterwards, Principal Dr. Jane Barranger, welcomed all present, and then emphasized the importance of involvement on both parents' and students' parts at THS.

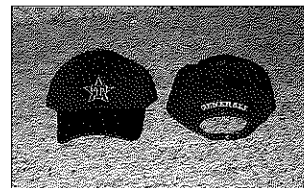
Next, PTA President Lindsay Carroll, gave an overview of THS' calendar, and reviewed the budget for the 2010-2011 school year. Then, Sports Boosters President Karie Hogan, revealed the details of the newly renovated THS gym and reviewed the new Sports Boosters plan implemented just last year. Both Carroll and Hogan encouraged parents to get involved with the school by helping out in Snack Shacks during games and chaperoning activities like dances and other SGA sponsored events.

Then, the Student Government Association (SGA) President, Elyse Preston, welcomed new teachers, Derek Letsch and Erich Geckle, to Towson High and gave them SGA-prepared gift baskets to take home as a welcoming gift. Like Carroll and Hogan, Preston encouraged students to join the SGA.

"Everyone can join the SGA, I want to work with a diversified group of students because I think that brings our school much closer together," Preston encouraged.

As the presentations ended, parents were escorted by student guides to their childrens' classrooms. It was a great opportunity for the parents to become more involved with their child's curriculum, as well as talk with the teachers on a more personal level. While some parents were doing the latter, others chose to head to the library with Administrative Secretary, April Goldring, where she taught many parents how to use the THS website to access links such as the school's calendar, and the school's monthly newsletter.

"Back to School Night" was another opportunity for the parents to take one step closer towards understanding THS as a whole. It was also an event to get both students and parents more involved at THS.

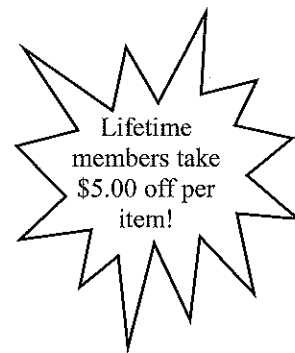


Low-profile hat \$15.00

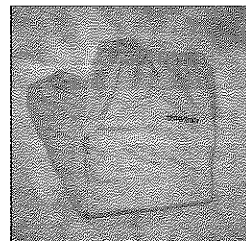


Windjacket with Crest \$45.00

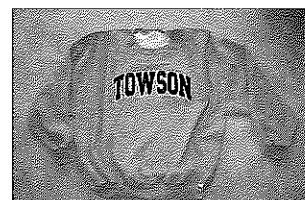
## Alumni Store



\*See more selections at  
www.towsonhighalumni.org



Sweatpants \$25.00



Sweatshirt \$30.00

## In Memoriam...

- 1926 Catherine Burton Winterstein, Bel Air, MD, 01-Jan-99  
 1928 Evelyn White Horst, 09-Dec-07  
 1930 Evalyn Journey Otto, Lompoc, CA, 01-May-06  
 1931 Robert Wilson, Coos Bay, OR, 31-Jan-09  
 1933 Marion Cunningham Krider, Silver Spring, MD, 15-Jun-10  
 1934 Ruth Kolk Silva, Seattle, WA, 17-Aug-09  
 1934 Mary Schaffer McManus, Baltimore, MD  
 1935 Ruth McCahan Still, Parkville, MD, 16-Oct-10  
 1936 Miriam Snyder Keller, Towson, MD, 20-Jun-10  
 1937 Margaret Kerin Bacon, Hagerstown, MD  
 1940 Mabel Rutherford Bolander Burk, 23-Sept-10  
 1940 Marian Nau Penoyer, Phoenix, MD, 15-Jun-09  
 1940 Ruth Jones Mace, Baltimore, MD, 28-May-09  
 1941 Marie Hermani, Gambrills, MD  
 1941 Miriam Ocker Holbek, Durango, CO  
 1942 Jessie Harbaugh Caslin, Parkville, MD, 08-Apr-10  
 1942 Alexander Ransone, Baltimore, MD, 28-Aug-10  
 1943 Alfred Ruppertsberger, Perry Hall, MD  
 1943 Robert Wiles, Baltimore, MD, 05-Jun-08  
 1943 Robert Stier, Indialantic, FL, 27-Apr-10  
 1944 Lillian Blum Dvorak, Mechanicsville, MD  
 1944 Helmut Rau, Huntington Sta., NY  
 1944 Charlotte Haile Smyth, Cockeysville, MD, 15-Jan-08  
 1945 Elsie Evans Ruehrmund, Richmond, VA, 07-Apr-10  
 1946 Philip Lindenmeyer, Parkville, MD, 01-Nov-07  
 1946 Nellie Watkins Sibley, Baltimore, MD  
 1946 Elizabeth Amrein Nau, Kennedyville, MD  
 1947 Lois Crews Stinchcomb, Stewartstown, PA, 20-Apr-10  
 1948 Barbara Burkhardt Mullen, Towson, MD, 01-Jun-10  
 1948 Lois Sohl Forsyth, Baltimore, MD  
 1949 Daniel Blake, Ellicott City, MD, 03-Feb-10  
 1949 Bettie Howard Frederick, Cockeysville, MD, 02-Aug-10  
 1951 Margaret Rippelmeyer Flinchbaugh, Towson, MD, 04-Aug-10  
 1953 Donald Spriggs, Parkville, MD, 08-Nov-08  
 1953 Edward Cassidy, Monkton, MD, 08-Mar-10  
 1954 Valerie Torode Palmore, Stafford, VA, 01-Jan-09  
 1954 Georgia Langenfelder Linthicum, Owings Mills, MD, 01-Apr-09  
 1954 Donald Strohmeyer, Boca Raton, FL  
 1956 Doris Sisson Gotcher, Baltimore, MD, 01-Nov-09  
 1956 Ann Sparks Gooding, Salisbury, MD, 21-Feb-08  
 1966 Linda Rigney Lane, Bel Air, MD, 31-Mar-10  
 1966 Richard O'Heir, Baltimore, MD, 04-Nov-09  
 1970 Dorothy Davis, Cockeysville, MD, 05-Jun-09

Thank you to Charles (Mick) Stinchcomb '47 who sent in a memorial gift in memory of his mother Lois Lee Crews Stinchcomb. She passed away April 20, 2010



If interested in sending in a Memorial Gift for your loved one, please mail to: Towson High School Alumni Association, 69 Cedar Ave, Towson, Md. 21286



Lucy Impaciadore Bickford,  
THS teacher

Lucy Impaciadore, born in Philadelphia, earned a B.S. degree in education from Temple University in 1941. She later received a Master's degree from the Johns Hopkins University and performed in Shakespearean plays while a student. She and her family moved to Maryland in 1944. She initially taught at St. Michael's in Talbot County and a year later, began teaching in the Baltimore County Public School system. She taught English Literature at North Point Junior High, Towson High and Dulaney High schools. She retired in 1977. She died of heart failure on June 10, 2010.



Donald LaFayette Strohmeyer,  
Class of 1954  
Hall of Fame Inductee of 2004

On Friday, August 6th, 2010, Donald lost his battle with pancreatic cancer. He is remembered by many as a great and loving man filled with generosity and care for all. Donald was inducted into Towson High Alumni's Hall of Fame in 2004 for his 42 plus years at BellSouth Communications. He had worked his way up from the mailroom to the boardroom, advancing to Vice President of Network Operations and an officer of the company.

# Reunion News & Hall of Fame

# THSAA Bulletin Board

## Reunion Dates

Check  
www.towsonhighalumni.org  
for up-to-date changes

### Class of 1965

50th reunion planning has begun! Contacts:  
Donna Lawson Croff  
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croffw@bellsouth.net

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410-785-1117  
cindyhutson@comcast.net

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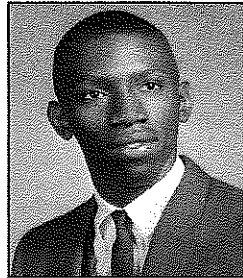
### Class of 1975

35th Reunion  
Nov. 27, 2010 from  
7:30pm-12:00am at Sports  
Legends at Camden Yards.  
Contact Scott Trenner at  
strenner@msn.com or  
check out Facebook  
"Towson High School 1975  
Reunion"

### Class of 1995

15 Year Reunion  
Nov 27, 2010 from 7pm-  
10pm at Osaka Asian  
Fusion in Towson. Contact  
Katie Bullinger (Walker) at  
bullinger30@gmail.com or  
Amanda Stewart  
(Thompson) at  
astewart519@gmail.com or  
check out Facebook  
"Towson High School  
Class of 1995"

Questions about  
reunions? Contact our  
Office Manager,  
Teri McDonald for  
information  
410-821-7889



## 2010 Hall of Fame Inductee General William "Kip" Ward Class of 1967

Last spring, William Ward, a member of the Class of 1967, was inducted into the THS Hall of Fame. This honor is only one of many recognizing his outstanding military career.

"Kip" joined an ROTC program when he was a student at Morgan State and was commissioned into the Infantry in June 1971. In his own words, he "was attracted to the military because it offered opportunities for leadership, discipline, responsibility and character-building." He was certainly challenged by those opportunities and rose through the ranks to become the nation's only current African-American four-star general. On October 1, 2007, Ward became the first commander of the U.S. Africa Command.

In 2010, Kip was awarded the Trumpet Award, an honor given primarily to African-Americans who have achieved professional success and have inspired others. Past honorees include Coretta Scott King, Thurgood Marshall, Maya Angelou, Nelson Mandela and Dr. Benjamin Carson. It's awesome to think that a THS graduate is among such illustrious recipients.

Kip and his wife of almost 40 years, Joyce Lewis Ward, have two adult children. His mother and other extended family members still live in Maryland.

-Submitted by Evelyn Simms Sedlack, Hall of Fame Chairwoman

## THS Grads are Achievers!

- 1907, Mary Watters Risteau - First woman elected to Maryland House of Delegates, 1922-1933
- 1926, Dr. Walter S. Baird - Physicist who pioneered the utilization of x-ray diffraction
- 1938, Jean Marie Donnell - Star of movies and long-time actress on General Hospital
- 1945, Joyce Hens Green - United States District Court Judge for the District of Columbia
- 1954, Ellen O. Moyer - First woman Mayor of Annapolis, 2001-2009
- 1955, Ellen Sauerbrey - Asst. Secretary of State for Population, Refugees and Migration, 2006-2008
- 1978, James M. Kelly - Maryland State Delegate, 1994-2001
- 1980, Santa J. Ono - Biologist specializing in ocular inflammation
- 1990, Evan Farmer - Host of TLC's "While You Were Out"
- 2003, Michael Phelps - 14-time Olympic Gold Medalist in Swimming

## ? Guess the Graduate! ?

Can you name this famous alum? The first three people to call the alumni office at 410-821-7889 will get a free pewter ornament of their choice!  
(The answer will be in our Spring edition)



Thanks to Beth Harrison Renswick, class of 1972 for the donation of her 1971 and 1972 yearbooks!

Another big thank you to Elizabeth Reber Steinbach, class of 1970, who donated 15 yearbooks!

Towsontown Spring Festival  
April 30th & May 1st, 2011  
Come out and show your support!



We're on the web!  
towsonhighalumni.org

Know someone you think should be in the Hall of Fame? Mail in your nominations to the THSAA office!

### Sports Shorts:

- Towson Football beat Dulaney! 27-12, 9/16/10
- Field Hockey scored big over Loch Raven, 4-0, 10/1/10
- Boys Soccer ran over Hereford, 3-1, 10/20/10
- Girls Volleyball Team swept Dulaney for the County Championship!! 11/3/10



## Yearbooks for Sale

Did you forget to order your yearbook when you graduated? Want to reminisce? Here's your chance!

1911 (0) Need	1933 (8) \$25	1950 (4) \$25	1977 (2) \$100
1912 (2) \$150	1934 (5) \$25	1951 (4) \$25	1979 (2) \$100
1915 (0) Need	1935 (0) Need	1952 (0) Need	1981 (2) \$100
1916 (2) \$150	1936 (4) \$25	1953 (3) \$35	1992 (2) \$100
1918 (2) \$150	1937 (2) \$50	1954 (0) Need	1995 (3) \$80
1922 (5) \$50	1938 (5) \$25	1955 (3) \$35	1996 (2) \$100
1923 (3) \$75	1939 (5) \$25	1956 (2) \$100	1997 (2) \$100
1924 (2) \$75	1940 (5) \$25	1958 (2) \$100	1999 (2) \$100
1925 (6) \$50	1941 (5) \$25	1961 (2) \$100	2000 (2) \$100
1926 (2) \$75	1942 (3) \$50	1962 (5) \$25	2001 (3) \$80
1927 (6) \$25	1943 (2) \$100	1963 (2) \$100	2004 (2) \$100
1928 (7) \$25	1944 (3) \$80	1964 (3) \$80	
1929 (6) \$25	1946 (4) \$25	1966 (2) \$100	
1930 (13) \$15	1947 (3) \$35	1967 (3) \$80	
1931 (9) \$25	1948 (2) \$100	1970 (3) \$80	
1932 (8) \$25	1949 (3) \$35	1972 (0) Need	

If you have any yearbooks that you would like to donate to our archives, please contact our office.

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